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1. The first diplomatic relations were established between Communist China and North Korea in Pyongyang with the arrival of the Li Min (李敏) Company* on 20 December 1948. The group changed its name to Northeast Commercial Delegation on 10 January 1949, but it continued to be the Chinese Communist diplomatic representation in North Korea until the summer of 1950. A Chinese Communist ambassador arrived in June, and the commercial delegation returned to China in August. The Chinese Communist embassy was officially opened on 26 August 1950 in the North Korean Supreme Court Building (Memorial Hall) (Paekson-haeng) (北鮮行) in Sokwan-ri (所完里), Pyongyang.
2. Approximately fifty persons were employed in the embassy. Among these were:
 - a. The ambassador, LI Chih-liang (李智良), aged 43, a general and former brigade commander in the 8 Route Army.
 - b. Three attaches, CHONG Sung-yol (鄭成祿) (Chinese reading TENG Ch'eng-lieh), Korean, aged about 30; SHIH (史), and HI (希), the latter having been deputy chief of the commercial delegation.
 - c. Three secretaries, KANG (康), S5 (徐), and KIM (金), all Koreans.
 - d. Seven military attaches were reported to have come to North Korea on 30 August 1950 to study military affairs.
3. The embassy also had a special operations office which was not part of the official establishment. This unit, consisting of about twenty persons, used as headquarters the house formerly occupied by a Korean, HAN Won-chun (韓元淳), in Sunu-ri (順屋里), Pyongyang. Many Chinese women and about ten Chinese men frequented this house. Contact with the embassy was maintained largely through CHONG Sung-yol. The unit was believed to have the collection of information as its major function and the supervision of Chinese residents of North Korea as part of its duties. CHONG Sung-yol was reported to have taken a liaison group of about ten men from the special operations unit to Seoul at the beginning of September 1950.

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4. The embassy in Pyongyang maintained liaison offices in Naja (130-15, 42-10), Chongjin (129-49, 41-46), Wonsan (127-26, 39-10), Sinuiju (124-24, 40-06), Chinnampo (125-24, 38-44), Yohyon (126-26, 38-00), and some other places.
5. The Chinese embassy retreated northward when Pyongyang was attacked. It was reported to have moved three times between 3 and 11 October.

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